

Steps for Publishing Your Choice Writing Assignment

Step One: Select and finish drafting your piece

Date completed: _____

1. State the main idea of your piece in one sentence.

2. Explain why you chose to write this piece.

3. Who is your intended audience and why do they want to read your piece?

Step Two: Share with your writing partner- focus on ideas

Date completed _____

Questions for your writing partner:

1. Did the beginning grab your attention?
2. Was there enough or too much detail about the main character?
3. Is the beginning, middle and end of the story balanced – meaning you could split the piece into these parts and they would all be about the same in length?
4. Did you feel the ending of the story was satisfying to the reader?

Step Three: Conference with Mrs. Charles

Date completed _____

The questions below will be things you might be asked during the conference – come prepared to answer them and defend your story idea.

Voice

Why do you care about this topic? Why should your audience care?

Do you know enough about it to have personal opinions and include details?

What are your strongest feelings about it?

Who is your audience? What questions do they need answered?

Ideas

What the one most important thing you want your audience to “get” from your story?

What interesting “key” details have you included to help your audience “unlock” your main idea?

Have you included any “showing details”?

Why did you write this?

Have you included anything surprising or unusual?

Organization

What will catch your audience’s attention at the beginning and make them want to read more?

What will make your piece feel finished and give your audience something to think about?

Are the parts of your story arranged in the best order?

Are you spending the right amount of time on each part?

Is your piece easy to follow from part to part?

Basics – if you are writing a story

Have you created a main character that the reader can see physically and describe their personality?

Did you use dialog to move the piece along or add it in to fill pages?

Are all the events and characters essential to the story?

Step Four: Publish or Type your piece

Dates I plan to type on computers ____/____/2011, ____/____/2011, ____/____/ 2011

Step Five: Peer Edit and Adult Edit

More info for this step will be provided. Edits at this point will focus on sentence fluency and conventions.